

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Burwell
Director for the President's Office of Management and Budget
Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 307
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20504

Dear Director Burwell,

As members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation, we are writing to express our desire for the President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to take immediate action with regards to Department of Energy-Environmental Management (DOE-EM) Savannah River Site's (SRS) pending reprogramming request.

It has recently come to our attention that OMB has had knowledge of the pending DOE-EM reprogramming request since March 18, 2013. As you are aware, this request involves reprogramming already appropriated dollars at DOE-Savannah River Site, among others.

On April 1, 2013, over 2500 dedicated workers began working 32 hour weeks as a result of inaction regarding this reprogramming request. Moreover, Congressman Wilson, who represents the largest portion of the Site, has reached out multiple times requesting to speak to both former Acting Director Jeffrey Zients and Sally Ericsson. Unfortunately, his office has received no return communication from those efforts or regarding his March 28, 2013, letter urging a swift reprogramming of funds.

We fully understand the reality of the budgetary restraints placed on accounts affected by sequestration. However, these funds, which have already been appropriated by Congress, have been held up at OMB for over a month and not allowed to come to the House and Senate for final approval.

Vital national security missions have been altered and over 2500 committed employees have been adversely affected because of OMB's delayed response time.

We strongly ask you to expedite the SRS reprogramming as soon as possible. The essential ongoing missions, as well as the Site's highly skilled workforce, are depending on timely action by OMB.

Sincerely,



Joe Wilson
Member of Congress



Jeff Duncan
Member of Congress



Tom Rice
Member of Congress